



January 24, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians of Langley Education Campus students,

As you know, we are making tremendous progress on improving our middle grades options at DC Public Schools. In 2011, the Ward 5 Great Schools Initiative was created in response to significant feedback and input from the community to improve upon and provide quality middle grades options in Ward 5. We began working to identify ways to improve programming opportunities in world languages, the arts and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). In 2012, we announced three new options for the ward that seek to expand the number of high quality seats in the middle grades and also addressed concerns about needed facility improvements.

At a Langley parent meeting on January 31, 2013, we were joined by Blue Ribbon McKinley Technology Senior High School principal David Pinder and others. As you know, next year, McKinley Technology will add grades 6-8 and become McKinley Technology Education Campus (MTEC) in the 2013-2014 school year. Students currently enrolled in 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Langley and those students currently in-boundary for Langley will have rights to attend the middle school. In the 2013-2014 school year (SY), Langley will convert to a traditional elementary school offering preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Principal Pinder and his team shared details about the academic vision of the school as well as the current renovation plans for the building. You can find the meeting agenda on the reverse side of this letter.

We also introduced members of our school-based transition team, which will assist in this process. Langley parents are invited to share ideas and concerns about the transition in the Langley front office. The transition team is meeting next week to brainstorm ideas to boost enrollment and continue to build a cohesive school community. Parents at the January 31 Langley meeting suggested that McKinley host student orientation, open houses, and more.

I hope you are as excited as I am about the unique opportunity for Langley students to access the STEM middle school on the McKinley Technology Education Campus.

If you were unable to attend last week's parent meeting and want to learn more about the new MTEC and what it means for your child, please attend a Tuesday talk, any Tuesday during February, 9-10am at McKinley Technology HS, visit the DCPS Middle School Fair this Saturday, 2/9/13, 11am-2pm, or participate in an online virtual info session for McKinley Middle School on 2/21/13, 8pm. In the meantime, if you have questions contact the front office at Langley or the Office of Family and Public Engagement (OFPE) at 202.719.6613.

Sincerely,

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